



March 3, 2011

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: ET Docket No. 08-59, Amendment of the Commission's Rules to Provide
Spectrum for the Operation of Medical Body Area Networks

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 2, 2011, representatives of the Aerospace & Flight Test Radio Coordinating Council ("AFTRCC"), Philips Healthcare ("Philips") and GE Healthcare ("GE") met with staff from the Commission's Office of Engineering and Technology. The meeting participants are listed in the Attachment to this letter.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the draft rules that we presented jointly to the Commission staff on January 13, 2011.¹ Most of the discussion centered on those elements of the Joint Proposal that require the use of an electronic Key/Beacon to manage MBANS device use of the 2360-2390 MHz band. The parties discussed how the Joint Proposal's key/beacon approach would work from both an operational and coordination perspective, including how electronic keys would be generated and distributed, how compliance with interference criteria would be assured, how MBANS operation in the 2360-2390 MHz band would be limited to indoor operation, and how MBANS devices would be tested for equipment authorization. Given that various technical means are available, through use of existing technologies and methods, to achieve the desired results, the proponents plan to review the proposed rules for consistency and future flexibility and propose additional refinements as needed.

Additionally, the process for selecting an MBANS coordinator was discussed and the proponents committed to providing additional input on selecting an MBANS coordinator.

It also was noted that several AFTRCC members had participated separately in the proceeding. Those parties indicated that they support the Joint Proposal and agreed to clarify the record.

¹ See *Ex Parte* letter filed in this docket dated January 14, 2011 ("Joint Proposal").

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As indicated above, the proponents of the Joint Proposal intend to supply additional information for the record on a number of issues that were raised at the meeting,

This letter and its attachment are being filed electronically in ET Docket No 08-59 and emailed to the Commission participants detailed in the Attachment.

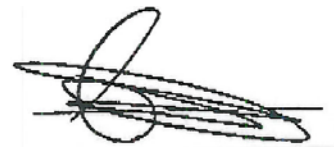
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Attachment: Attendees

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Attendees at FCC meeting March 2, 2011

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